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**CITY HOSTS AUTO PRODUCT RECYCLING EVENT TO COLLECT USED
MOTOR OIL, ANTIFREEZE, OIL FILTERS AND AUTO BATTERIES**

March 23 Event to be Held in Tierrasanta

San Diego, CA — The City of San Diego expects to collect 10,000 pounds of auto waste at the Auto Product Recycling Event Saturday, March 23, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Tierrasanta at Serra High School, located at 5156 Santo Road, San Diego, CA, 92124. Sponsored by the City's Environmental Services Department and the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB), this is a free event to City residents.

Hazardous waste specialists will be on hand to collect used or leftover motor oil, antifreeze, oil filters and auto batteries. Business and other commercial waste will not be accepted. This event is only for "home mechanics." Residents should transport no more than 10 gallons of waste, secured in closed containers and placed inside a box that can be left behind. To ensure safety, keep the waste in the trunk or away from drivers and passengers.

Motor oil or antifreeze poured on the ground, in storm drains, or tossed in trash cans (even in a sealed container) can contaminate and pollute the soil, groundwater, streams, and rivers. Recycling used motor oil, including oil from the oil filter, and antifreeze helps reduce pollution, conserve natural resources and create new products.

The metal in oil filters is recycled into reinforcing bar for construction use and the lead and acid in auto batteries are converted into other products.

Annually, the City hosts eight Auto Product Recycling Events citywide. Last year, these eight events drew participants from almost 1,400 area homes and collected more than 85,000 pounds of waste.

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“Recycling auto products helps maintain clean beaches and bays by preventing hazardous waste from entering storm drains,” said Richard L. Hays, director, City of San Diego’s Environmental Services Department. “In addition, when San Diegans recycle auto products, it helps save energy by conserving oil.”

City Auto Product Recycling Events are made possible by the annual receipt of a Used Oil Recycling Block Grant from the CIWMB, which funds the collection of motor oil and oil filters. For information on private businesses that accept used oil and filters, call the Used Oil Infoline at (619) 235-2105. For disposal of other household hazardous waste, call the City’s Household Hazardous Waste Program Hotline at (619) 235-2111.

This event is open to all San Diego residents and proof of residency within San Diego city boundaries is required.

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